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I want to make this carification. In making this clarification, I wish to read a relevant portion from the book "Office of the Speaker" by Philip Laundy, so that the House itself may get clarified. The eminent authority states as follows :—

"Like every holder of a great office the Speaker's life is one of service. He is the servant of the House, not its master, and the authority which the House vests in him is its own authority, which he exercises in accordance with the interests and wishes of the House."

This is the relevant passage. This does not mean that in any way the authority of the Speaker is undermined. It only emphasises the authority of the Speaker. The Speaker exercises the right of the House as a whole. It will only add to the importance of the Speaker, Sir. In any way it is not minimising the authority of the Speaker. In that way only it is said that the Speaker is the servant of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER : That is why, yesterday I told that the hon. Members should behave like masters.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The very passage shows that the authority of the House is supreme and that supreme authority is exercised by the Speaker and through the Speaker. But it is not open to the hon. Member to get up and say that the Speaker is the servant of the House just like the Prime Minister of India is the servant of the people.

IV. USE OF UNPARLIMENTARY EXPRESSIONS IN THE HOUSE.

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: 'அற்பத்தனமான' என்று யார் சொல்லியிருந்தாலும் அது அவர்களுடைய பேச்சுக்கு ஊனத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும் என்பதை கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் ஒப்புக் கொள்கிறார்கள் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : ஆம், ஆம்.

Mr. SPEAKER : I quite appreciate the spirit of the hon. Member Sri K. A. Mathialagan and other hon. Members that such words should not be used. I will go through the speech and I will make necessary modification in my speech also. To-day also I want to tell the hon. Members irrespective of their party affiliation that I do not like one hon. Member referring to one party as crow, another member referring to it as pig and yet another member referring to it as dog and so on. If the parties were pigs, the hon. Members will be issues of pigs. So, inadvertently, the hon. Members throw mud on themselves. I cannot tolerate this sort of thing. I am very sorry that hereafter I will have to take very serious action against such hon. Members. I will be very serious, if any hon. Member makes personal attacks.

திரு. இராம. அரங்கண்ணல்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, நம்முடைய சட்ட மன்றம் இந்திய துணைக் கண்டத்திலேயே சிறந்த பாரம்பரியமுள்ள சட்ட மன்றமாக இருந்து வருகிறது. அதைக் காப்

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* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

பாற்ற எந்த விதமான ஒத்துழைப்புகள் வேண்டுமென்று விரும்புகிறீர்களோ அதையெல்லாம் வழங்க, திராவிட முன்னேற்றக் கழகத்தின் சார்பில், ஜனநாயகம் வளரவேண்டும் என்று விரும்புகிற நாங்கள் வழங்கத் தயாராக இருக்கிறோம், நாங்கள் எந்த விதமான கோர்ட் நடவடிக்கைகளுக்கும் செல்ல வேண்டியிருக்காது என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : I thank the hon. Member very much.

I am now concerned with the parties. My feeling is that the leaders of opposition and other parties are not able to use their influence on the individual Members even though they think that it is a right thing to do. They must be able to influence the individual Members. That seems to be the real difficulty for all these troubles arising in the House. My submission may be taken as a piece of advice. But it may even be criticised on the ground that I have not got the right to criticise the parties. Whatever it may be, Members must respect their own party first, then their individuality and then the dignity and the prestige of the House. But if the right of an individual is affected, he has got every right to bring the matter before me and I will be one with him in protecting his right. Therefore, I again request the hon. Members not to make unencessary remarks or use some bold or harsh words thinking that they would be appreciated in some quarters. That should not be the attitude of the persons who are serving as responsible Members of the House. That is my view of the matter.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to submit that we should not throw the entire responsibility on the hon. Members who make the unfortunate remarks. Newspapers also are, to some extent, responsible. They publish such matters in glaring headlines and that attracts hon. Members and they think that it is worthwhile doing that. That is the unfortunate position.

MR. SPEAKER : We do not know what the privilege or freedom of the Press is. I also request the Press to go into the matter and co-operate with me and not to create trouble by publishing certain matters in headlines when Members go wrong and thus harming the cause of Democracy. The role of the Press is very vital and important for the growth of Democracy and the Press also should feel its own responsibility in the matter.

V. CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES.

திரு. இராம. அரங்கண்ணல்: ஆன் எ பாயிண்ட் ஆஃப் ஆர்டர் ஸார், நம்முடைய சட்ட மன்றத்தில் காலிங் அட்டென்ஷன் நோட்டீஸ் கொடுக்கிற நேரத்தில் அமைச்சர்கள் பதில் அளிக்கிறார்கள். நாம் கடைப்பிடித்து வருகிற பாரம்பரியம் அதிலே குறுக்கிட்டு எந்த வித விவாதமும் நடத்தக் கூடாது என்பது. ஆனால் நமது தலைமை ஜனநாயகக் கூடமாக இருக்கின்ற பாராளுமன்றத்தில்